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SUBJ: ~~SITREP 26~~ ATTEMPTED COUP IN MANILA, AS OF 1715

DECEMBER 3.

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2. AFP GHQ TOLD DAO THAT CAMP BONIFACIO HAS BEEN CLEARED
OF ALL REBEL FORCES. PHILIPPINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

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THAT REBEL FORCES IN THE MAKATI AREA ARE LED BY MAJOR PURUGANAN AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE YOUNG OFFICERS UNION FACTION OF RAM. TAGALOG RADIO REPORTS THAT 40 REBEL SOLDIERS FROM THE WHITE PLAINS AREA HAVE SURRENDERED AT CAMP CAPINPIN IN RIZAL PROVINCE.

3. AT A 1400 PRESS CONFERENCE AT AN OPEN-AIR GRANDSTAND IN CAMP AQUINALDO, TELEVISED ON CHANNEL 2, DEFENSE SECRETARY RAMOS ANNOUNCED CAMP AGUINALDO HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED AGAINST A DETERMINED REBEL ASSAULT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT AFP HAD MADE JUDICIOUS USE OF THE FORCE AT ITS DISPOSAL TO SUBDUE THE REBELS WITH MINIMUM COLLATERAL CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. AFP CHIEF OF STAFF RENATO DE VILLA PRESENTED A HISTORY OF THE COUP ATTEMPT THUS FAR, SUGGESTING THAT THE COUP EFFORT WAS OVER EXCEPT FOR SOME MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS. HE SAID THE CAPITAL COMMAND (CAPCOM), CONSISTING OF PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY TROOPS UNDER BG AGUIRRE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING UP "LITTLE" POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN MAKATI. NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL DEFENSE COMMAND (NCRDC) COMMANDER BG BIAZON RESTRICTED HIMSELF TO A BRIEF COMMENT, SAYING "MAYBE WE ARE OVER THE HUMP."

4. GENERAL HONESTO ISLETA GAVE CONDITIONS FOR SURRENDER ON TAGALOG RADIO AS FOLLOWS: 1) SURRENDER WILL BE UNCONDITIONAL, 2) DUE PROCESS OF LAW WILL BE AFFORDED REBELS WHO SURRENDER, 3) REBELS WHO SURRENDER WILL BE GIVEN FAIR TREATMENT.

5. CHINESE BUSINESSMAN TOLD ECONOFF THERE IS ONLY TWO DAYS WORTH OF FOOD IN MANILA AS NO DELIVERIES ARE BEING MADE INTO THE CITY. HOWEVER AT THE GOP NOON PRESS BRIEFING, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ADOLFO AZCUNA REASSURED THE PUBLIC, STATING AGRICULTURE SECRETARY DOMINGUEZ WAS COORDINATING TO HAVE AFP TRUCKS DELIVER SUPPLIES OF MAINLY RICE FROM NUEVA ECIJA TO MANILA. AZCUNA'S EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS RETAIL STORES IN MANILA REVEALED ADEQUATE STOCKS OF BASIC COMMODITIES.

4. THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE CLAIMED THERE ARE STILL ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUELS. MOST

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SERVICE STATIONS WHICH ARE CLOSED ARE THOSE THREATENED BY NEARBY FIGHTING AND HAVE CLOSED AS A SAFETY MEASURE. OTHERS HAVE CLOSED DUE TO REDUCTION OF BUSINESS CAUSED BY LACK OF ROAD TRAFFIC. THE SERVICE STATIONS WHICH REMAIN OPEN ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE CITY'S FUEL NEEDS.

5. AZCUNA ANNOUNCED THAT SCHOOLS IN METRO-MANILA ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD EXPECT TO GO TO WORK UNTIL ADVISED DIFFERENTLY.

6. A USAF MILITARY OFFICER TURNED OVER APPROXIMATELY 1000 POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES (60 UNITS OF BLOOD, IV FLUIDS, IV CATHETERIZERS, BANDAGES, ANTISEPTICS, PAIN KILLERS AND ANTIBIOTICS) FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE MILITARY HOSPITAL AT CLARK TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFP HOSPITAL AT 1530. LTC JORGE RAMOS, IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND WITH CIVILIAN VEHICLES, TOOK DELIVERY IN THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. HE SAID THERE ARE 20 BODIES OF SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE COUP IN THE MORGUE AND OVER 150 WOUNDED BEING TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL. ALL AFP CASUALTIES (LOYAL AND REBEL) ARE BEING TAKEN TO THE AFP HOSPITAL.

7. AT 1545, PAF HELICOPTERS PICKED UP A SECOND TRANCHE OF 180 LAW'S (LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPONS) AT CLARK AIR BASE FOR TRANSPORT TO CAMP AGUINALDO. THE REMAINING 110 LAW'S ARE EXPECTED TO BE PICKED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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